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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PLASTIC MOLDING AND METHOD

AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME BY INJECTION MOLDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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DEAR SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified divisional patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cangel without prejudice Claims 1/20 and 24/29.

REMARKS

Accordingly, examination on the merits of each of claims 21-23 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action directed to each of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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